

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully traverse all objections, rejections, and assertions made by the Examiner. With this amendment, claim 5 is amended. No new matter is added. Please cancel claims 4 and 10-12 without prejudice. Claim 5 remain pending.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jang in U.S. Patent No. 4,744,366. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claim 4 is now cancelled, rendering this rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue this claim or claims of a similar scope in the future.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Crocker in U.S. Patent No. 5,522,800 in view of Zeiher in U.S. Patent No. 5,061,267. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claims 10-12 are now cancelled, rendering this rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims or claims of a similar scope in the future.

Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 is amended into independent form and is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is also respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

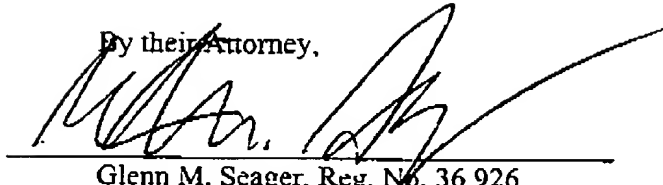
Respectfully submitted,

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